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The Third Page

Popular Stamps

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Dilatoriness

By far the most complaints we receive are about dealers and collectors who fail to answer their correspondence within a reasonable period. A typical complaint is that no replies have been received after a two to three months wait and that after two or three letters have been written the offender asking for a reply. On the other hand we hear from the occasional one who anticipates too quick a reply.

We are speaking of short haul mail where a week is ample time for a letter to go and a reply to return. We are not speaking of a letter to Australia by surface mail where the time element could run into weeks.

Our thought in this matter is that in business, correspondence where money or items of value enter into the transaction that such correspondence should be cleared in 24 to 48 hours, or acknowledged stating when the transaction can be attended to. One does take liberties in delayed replies to friends wherein the context is confined to personal matters of passing interest and delay can be forgiven, but not so with business correspondence.

The trouble may be in the fact that many stamp dealers are only part time dealers. They may also regard it in the same easy light as they do their stamp collection—something to take up and lay aside just when and as the spirit moves them. Such an attitude toward business is unforgiveable. One consolation, those caught with those having this indifferent attitude can see that it doesn't happen more than once by simply crossing such offenders off their list of contacts.

SPECIALIZES MINT CANADA

Mr. Hubert Lethaby of Victoria, B.C., writing re our article last month about "Some Little Fellows Move Up" writes about a block of six; plate 3, of the 7c Geo. V, Scott's 113, which he holds in the rare pale sage green and wonders if this item has ever been plated. We note that the Canada Plate Block Catalogue quotes them at a nice premium. Incidentally Mr. Lethaby has mint Canada in blocks of four or more back to the "Large Heads", housed in some 17 albums which he hopes to finish writing up in time for the Seattle Exhibition this year.

Stamps to show the new king of the Belgians are said to be held up until the artist is told whether to show the king with or without spectacles.

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Cobden, Ontario, April, 1952.

Eugene Barna, R.R. 2, Leamington, Ont., is endeavouring to learn how many Royal Train Covers (1951 Tour) are in the hands of philatelists. He will be glad to hear from anyone having such — how many, date of cancellation, whether in English or French and kind of stamp or stamps thereon.

Among our first day covers of April 1st we recognize those produced by H. Jacobi Jr. of Hamilton who has been placing these covers on the market for new Canada issues for the last few years.

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The Origin of British and Colonial "Specimen" Stamps

At a recent meeting of the Westmount Stamp Club, W. M. Gear of Westmount gave a very interesting address on the subject of "Specimen" stamps which he illustrated with stamps from his collection of "Specimens". As little is generally known about this subject the following extracts from his talk will, we feel, be of interest to philatelists.

The "Specimen" stamps began before the issuance of the penny black in May, 1840. The General Post Offices at London and Edinburgh sent out a circular to all Postmasters advising them of the issuance of the new adhesive labels. These circulars read in part, "I beg to enclose you two specimens of the Penny and Two-penny stamped Covers and Envelopes and two of the Penny adhesive labels (the Two-penny one is not yet ready) which I must beg you will carefully preserve, in order to compare them in case of doubt with the stamped Letters that may pass through your office."

Enclosed with this circular were two copies of the 1d and 2d Mulready wrappers and envelopes referred to and two copies of the penny black. They were not overprinted with the word "Specimen" and must be considered as Specimens when accompanying the circular which so clearly specifies the purpose for which they were supplied.

A few days later a further circular was sent out announcing the issue of the 2d blue and also the 1d black with "V.R." in the upper corners. There were two mint copies of these stamps attached. The 1d black with the letters "V.R." was never issued. The stamps which are in collections today must have come from these circulars. There are examples of the Mulready covers and envelopes overprinted "Specimen" or having the word "Specimen" in manuscript on these envelopes. It is, however, believed that the first British stamps overprinted with the word "Specimen" is the 1s embossed of 1847.

Similar circulars were sent to Postmasters whenever a new issue, change of colour or design was made, up to 1872, when the circulars were discontinued. There is no doubt that similar circulars must have been sent to various Postmasters of the British Colonies.

In the 1920's a circular was discovered at the Record Office in London dated 1855 written by Lord Palmerston, Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting the Governors of twenty-six different colonies to supply "Specimen" sets in triplicate of the postage stamps then in use. Copies of replies from New South Wales and other colonies were also found bearing postage stamps, but these were not overprinted "Specimen."

It is readily understood that it is impossible to distinguish normal stamps from early "Specimens" unless attached to the circular referring to them. An example of these circulars dated January 7th, 1857, was owned by the late Alfred Lichtenstein and was from the Postmaster at St. John's, Newfoundland, informing the Postmaster at Halifax, Nova Scotia, of the recent issue of Newfoundland postage stampe. There was a complete set affixed to the circular.

One of the scarcest of "Specimen" stamps was handstamped with the word "Cancelled" in a barred oval, four bars above and below the word "Cancelled." This was produced by Perkins, Bacon & Company at the request of members of the Hill family. There were six copies of every Colonial stamp then available sent to Mr. Pearson Hill with the request that he would give sets to his father, Sir Rowland Hill and to Mr. Ormand Hill. This same overprint is found on stamps of Chile.

Some British Colonials are found with the word "Specimen" in manuscript and in various different forms of printing such as script, block and other lettered forms.

In the period 1855-60 stamps were overprinted, also handstamped, (1) by the English printers, (2) by some official agency in England such as the General Post Office or the Crown

Agency, (3) in the Colony by the Colonial Postal authority.

There must be a lot of further research into this particular study of "Specimen" stamps before philately will have the full knowledge.

In the period 1862-85 correspondence was found in the Archives of the General Post Office in London in which letters were sent to the Postmaster of Jamaica requesting that "Specimens" of the early issues be sent to the Post Offices of France, Hanover, Spain, United States, Prussia, etc.

There is no clear indication prior to 1886 of the number of "Specimens" issued, but after this date it is understood that approximately not more than 720 of each stamp are issued and sent forward by British Postmaster General and the Colonial office to Berne, Switzerland, for distribution to the member nations of the U.P.U. British Colonial stamps are all overprinted or perforated "Specimen" and are obtained from the printers.

Canada, Newfoundland, New Zealand, South Africa and most foreign countries supply normal mint sets. Australia overprints the values 10s and over. The sale of these stamps by the British and Colonial postal officials is strictly prohibited, but occasional leakages occur from continental and Latin American sources.

ATTRACTIVE AND VICE VERSA

An article in Weekly Philatelic Gossip for March 22nd, by the late E. C. Webster of Stavely, Alta., on "The Story Behind Canadian Stamps", dealing mainly with the well-known Bluenose stamp he touched on a new thought to us. He mentioned a collector friend who set out to collect pretty stamps, not only for design and color but for the story behind them. Naturally she had the Bluenose at the top of her list with the 13c Britannia Yacht stamp as runner-up. But ending her list were those considered to be the least attractive. Holding bottom position was the 2c brown N.B. "Seal" stamp of 1934, which was thought by many to be the least attractive of any of the Canadian stamps. Next to this she had the 10c Fur stamp

We do not suggest that picking the unattractive stamps merits a growing following, but it is at least something different and struck us as such when we read it. We were prompted to nominate the dollar Fish stamp as a companion in placement with the Fur stamp. But speaking of attractive stamps, and from our viewpoint we include subject matter as well as design and color, here are four that appeal to us as near the top of the list: The $ Ramezay, No. 250 8c Cattle Scene, $ Destroyer and Daedalus air mail stamp.

Now let's have your nominations.

MORE ABOUT 4c ORANGE PLATE 6

It has been widely reported in the maritimes that the stamps printed from plate 6 in the 4c orange colour were mostly sent to the CNR and CPR offices and were actually used for postage. This was done before any were found in local Post Offices across the country.

The report goes on to say that, although fair numbers of the other three positions turned up across the country, the lower left position appeared only in the Maritimes. I have heard only of one lot of 17 corners which was picked up at Saint John, N.B. Their owner was the first one there and got the whole lot. None of these are perfectly centered but most are reasonably good.—D. C. M.

R. A. BANQUET

On April 4th the Recreational Association (of the Civil Service) Ottawa Stamp Club held its annual banquet at the "Red Door" restaurant. After a turkey dinner, Mr. G. E. Fairbairn, vice president of the club, spoke a few words about the club activities. Mr. Hans Reiche, president, and author of the book on Canada's Varieties, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. H. A. Stockwell, president of the Ottawa Philatelic Society who spoke on the production of a stamp. The speaker was thanked by Mr. W. Gladish. A large auction followed which was conducted by the Club auctioneer, Mr. Johnny Poole. The major door-prize, a superb copy of a 3 Penny beaver, was won by Miss M. Over. Over 70 guests attended the banquet.

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#162 — The Ellis Co. Registration Essays

On page 135 of the 1929 edition of Jarrett you'll find illustrated a copy of this essay, "From plate engraved by Ellis Co., Toronto. Only known speciment in collection of Mrs. A. R. Clarke, Toronto. Black on red surfaced wove."

This very copy, imperforate, with huge margins all around, with no numbering, and with the design and receipt portions separated — was lot #1000 in the fifth Reford sale.

Lot #1001 was another copy, rouletted top and bottom,—normal margins, with both the design and receipt portions numbered. This Reford copy is numbered 51. Are there any others?

#163 — Prince Edward Island Stamps on Cover

Ever try to get some of these stamps on nice covers? If you have then you know how little catalog values mean. This is particularly true of the cents values.

Fifteen years ago Prince Edward Island was darn near being philatelically dead. During the past five years there has been a great increase in interest. Much of this is due to the BNA Philatelic Society and its Prince Edward Island Study Group, — and to the many articles that have appeared in recent years, including those of Quarles, mentioned here before.

Mint remainders of many values are still plentiful, but stamps genuinely used on cover are another story. After all, the population of P.E.I. was relatively small. Watch the prices realized on these at auctions, you might be surprised.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Asbestos, Que., Mar. 17, 1952.

Dear Sir:

I was interested to see Mr. Chandler's note in your February number regarding the early post offices in Upper Canada. However, in one respect he is not quite correct. He says "Augusta" (now Prescott). This is a very interesting piece of history. The village of Augusta, which had one of the earliest post offices in Upper Canada and was the most important post between Montreal and Toronto; was situated about three miles above Prescott and was founded over 20 years before Prescott was settled. With the founding of Prescott, Augusta faded away and there is now no trace left of it.

In 1821 my great grandfather took up the land where Augusta once stood. Known after him as "Blakey's Point."—R. G. Harris.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

The ninth annual exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club, held in York Masonic Temple, Toronto, again broke all previous records in the number of frames entered for competition. There were approximately 135 frames in seven classes as well as twenty-one frames in the inter-Club Competition. It was generally agreed that the exhibition showed still further improvement in the quality of entries.

Controller Leslie Saunders opened the show officially at 4.15 p.m. and at that hour the hall was already packed with visitors. Doug Patrick and his CBC Stamp Club of the air recorded a description of the show and interviews with first prize winners for broadcast on CBL at 12.30 p.m., March 29.

There was a brisk sale of raffle tickets in aid of the NTSC cot at the IODE Hospital for Convalescent Children. Stamp dealers who are members of the club, the club sales circuit and the CPS sales books all reported brisk sales at the Bourse.

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Notes on Scarce Philatelic Literature

By R. J. Duncan, Librarian BNAPS

Have you ever heard of "Philately Under the Lamp" by Herbert Eastwood, published in London in 1929? I picked up my copy nearly twenty years ago and have never seen a copy offered for sale since. This book was the history of the Post Office Prosecutions of 1928. Forgers and some of their methods. Was this unofficially suppressed?

Some of Poole's Handbooks are now getting very scarce. How often do we ever see Poole's Canada offered for sale. Likewise Poole & Huber's Book on Newfoundland is also becoming hard to find. I know two or three of my philatelic friends who would like to obtain copies but have been unable to do so. I consider Poole's Handbook on Canada just as scarce as Howe's Canada. In fact the latter is offered more often for sale. Howe's Book on Canada was offered in three types according to the price list of the Century Stamp Co., Montreal, Canada, for 1913-14.

Bound in heavy art paper, —$3.35, bound in cloth, gilt, pocket for plates $4.35, and a special deluxe edition on imported Japanese vellum bound in full leather with pocket for plates limited edition of 50 copies, numbered and signed by the author, $10.00. What has become of the Paper Edition?

This price list for 1913-14 of the British North American Stamps and Philatelic Supplies of the Century Stamp Co. of Montreal is very interesting itself. It measures 4 inches by 5⅝ inches and contains 116 pages. The latter half covers catalogues, albums, handbooks and some coins.

I believe I have also the first Precancel Catalogue published on both U.S. and Canadian precancels. Catalogue of the Precancelled Postage Stamps of the United States, compiled and edited by F. L. Smith and Geo. F. Duck, published at New York in 1904. This was just a small pamphlet of 38 pages, size 4 inches by 6¼ inches.

A check list of the precancelled Postage Stamps of Canada, 1912, compiled by S. M. Shoeman, St. Louis, Mo., 4 pages 6 x 9 inches. The latter list I received through the kindness of Mr. Frank Campbell of Royal Oak, Mich. Another scarce precancel item in my library is A Listing of Canadian Precancels by Antoine Lamothe, published by the Collectors Magazine, Quebec, 1934, 34 pages, 4½ x 7 inches.

I don't suppose many of our readers know of the existence of a check list of the Large and Small Queens published by the Scottish Philatelic Society some years ago.

This is a small pamphlet of 8 pages, 4¾ x 6½ inches and the title on same is — Canada — Notes on the "Large Cents" and "Small Cents" issues of 1868-97. This covers paper, perforation, gum, guide markings, groupings and check list.

How many stationery collectors know of Canadian Postal Stationery Catalog by R. A. Odell. Preliminary edition by the Postal Stationery Society, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Odell informed me there were only five copies of this edition printed. 40 pages, 8½ x 14 inches.

I have a series of four Canadian Philatelic Handbooks published by L. M. Staebler, London, Ontario, 1892-95. It is only on very rare occasions any of these are offered for sale nowadays.

No. 1. The Postage and Revenue Stamps of British North America, 1892, 16 pages.

No. 2. Canada and Her Stamp Collectors, 1892, 16 pages.

No. 3. The Stamp Collectors Companion, 1893, 16 pages.

No. 4. The Standard Handbook on Counterfeits, 32 pages, 1895.

All are 6½ x 9½ inches.

About the same time Mr. H. F. Ketcheson was publishing a series of BNA Catalogues, 5 x 6¾ inches, both bound and in paper covers. No. 2 appeared in 1889, No. 3 in 1892, No. 4 in 1894, No. 5 in 1896. I have never seen a copy of the first edition and any information on it would be appreciated.

One of the scarcest Revenue Catalogues of Canada was published in this period also. I refer to a Complete Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada, compiled by F. J. Stanton and J. R. Hooper and published by F. J. Stanton at Smyrna, N.Y., in 1889. 48 pages, 4 x 6 inches.

I have many scarce Philatelic Directories published in the past. I have the Constitution of the Canadian Philatelic Society adopted at its first session held in the city of Toronto, September 19 and 20, 188 . I wonder if our CPS has a copy of this? Also the Dominion Philatelic Association Handbooks for 1897 and 1900.

The oldest directory is The International Stamp Directory, published by Rickey, Bell & Co. in Halifax in 1877. This book is quite extensive, comprising 59 pages, 5 x 8½ inches. I believe Mr. R. A. Jamieson of Almonte, Ont., has a copy of this also which he wrote up in Popular Stamps some years ago. Then I have Morell's Philatelic Directory of Stamp Collectors and Dealers, published by H. Morell, Toronto, Ont., in 1886, 48 pages, 5½ x 9 inches. The first edition of An Ontario Philatelic Directory was compiled by R. G. Widdicombe of St. Catharines, Ont., in 1896. This was a very small pamphlet of 16 pages, 3¼ x 4¾ inches. A second and much larger edition followed in 1897. 20 pages, 4¾ x 6¼ inches.

Possibly the rarest of these items to be obtained now is the Canadian

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(ROYAL VISIT OCTOBER 26th, 1951)

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Treasure in an Old Desk

The following may be pure phantasy but a bit of light reading gives a break in the more serious reading about stamp positions, varieties, new issues, etc. Anyway, we found this in the May, 1910, Winnipeg Hobbyist, said to be clipped from an old newspaper of many years ago, and credited to the San Francisco Call.

Henry J. Crocker is being gazed upon with envious eyes just now by Maurice Casey and Harry Lamberton. These three gentlemen occupy the same office at 508 California St., and have a similar love for that which is artistic and antique. This made them all desire the possession of a unique brass-bound desk, which Crocker succeeded in winning, and in which he has just found unsuspected treasures.

The desk was offered them by a dealer in curios named Belasco. Belasco, it will be remembered, a fortnight ago, bought some old boxes which once belonged to Conley Leach. He paid $10.50 for them, and found among the other contents old coins and rare stamps to the value of $800. He had come to sell Mr. Crocker some of these stamps when he began telling about the writing desk.

The next day he brought the desk up. Its age was apparent. It was made of rosewood, was bound heavily with brass, and was prettily inlaid with the same metal. Substantial brazen handles sunk in brass shields show that the desk was not a mere ornament, but was intended for travelling. This fact was attested also by the capacious interior, which was divided off into smaller compartments by shelves of sandalwood.

The workmanship shown in the chest and its oddness made each man desirous to become the owner. None wanted to put up the entire cost, however, so after they had lowered the dealer's price fro $7 to $4.50, they each contributed $1.50, and the ownership of the desk was left to the arbitrament of fate.

It was suggested first that they throw dice for it. Nobody had any dice, so Mr. Crocker borrowed three 50-cent pieces from the Janitor of the building. Then they "matched." The odd man was to take the desk.

At the word the three put down their coins. When Casey removed his palm the money showed tails. Mr. Crocker's coin was heads. Mr. Lambertson's coin was still concealed. when he withdrew his hand a tail was exhibited, making Mr. Crocker the winner.

That evening Mr. Crocker prepared to take his prize home. Casey at once protested.

"You don't know anything about that desk," he said. "It might give your whole family smallpox or something else that's dreadful. You'd better get the old thing disinfected before you take it to your house."

Then he smiled in a superior way and told him how glad he was he hadn't won the desk. As the days passed and the antique bit of furniture still remained in the office, Mr. Casey grew to be quite a chafer. The result was that the writing desk was a matter of constant thought, and Monday afternoon, spurred on by Mr. Casey's chafing, Mr. Crocker looked it over thoroughly to see if he could convert it to some use about the office since he could not take it home.

The desk was a strong one and with the cubbies removed would make an attractive receptacle for papers. While Mr. Crocker was examing its interior to see how it could be altered, his finger touched a hidden spring. A panel in the side of the desk at once fell out, revealing three small drawers.

His cry of astonishment brought Casey and Lambertson to his side. Their chaffing all died away as the first drawer showed two $50 bills issued nearly fifty years ago, but undoubtedly genuine. The second drawer contained an old fashioned gold watch curiously carved and a daguerre-type, on the back of which was an almost obliterated inscription. Some earrings of ancient pattern and a finger ring beautifully chased rested on some stained cotton batting in the third drawer.

The jewellery was so curious and the hiding place so deftly fashioned that the spectators were dumb with

astonishment. When they regained their tongues they overwhelmed Mr. Crocker with congratulations. Casey admitted that there wasn't so much of a "josh" on Crocker after all. Then he said:

"What will Belasco say?"

But Belasco didn't say a thing.

As soon as he heard that he had dropped down from $7 to $4.50 on a "lot" consisting of two $50 bills and some valuable jewels he made a bee line for his store. Word came from the neighbors yesterday morning that the curio dealer was carefully prying out the entire interior of all the many desks, chests and boxes in his possession. There were no reports of his having found anything.

Mr. Crocker is now looking for more brass-bound rosewood writing desks with hidden springs. — San Francisco Call.

NEW ISSUES . . . by Red Eagle

AUSTRALIA — 2 new values, a 1½d King's head and 2s6d Aborigine.

CEYLON — 1 value, 35c Flower, and 2 values commemorating the Colombo Exhibition.

BRUNEI — 14 values new postage series.

EGYPT — 3 values, Abrogation Suez Canal Treaty. 12 current air mainl ovptd Kingdom of Egypt and Sudan.

JAMAICA — 2 values for Caribbean Scout Jamboree.

KENYA & UGANDA—Correction 2 values, a 10c and 1s overprinted Royal Visit 1952.

SARAWAK—1 value in new color, 10c.

SEYCHELLES — 15 values New Pictorial issue.

QUEBEC VACATION STAMPS

Following Ontario's lead Quebec province now has "Vacation Stamps." These stamps are affixed week by week in employees' books issued by the Minimum Wage Commission so that at the end of a year they equal the wages the employee would receive for his vacation. There is a lithographed temporary issue with the fleur de lis and a permanent engraved issue with the coat of arms, both perf 12. Denominations are 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, $1 and $2.

Story of Iceland

As regards the postal service in that far northern domain. The booklet POSTAL SERVICE IN ICELAND 1776—May 13th—1951 will be of interest to the student of postal history, or to the collector of stamps of Iceland. A 52 page booklet, it was issued by the Post and Telegraph Administration on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the Icelandic Postal Service on May 13th, 1951. The event was also marked by two commemorative stamps of 2 kr. and 3 kr. The text, given in English, treats of the subject from the origin of postal service in Iceland up to the present, giving map of the country, table of postal rates, also table of comparative data on population, postal revenues, expenditures etc., and three illustrations of postal caravans. To most of us in this part of the world Iceland is comparatively unknown. Our curiosity is inspired about it. The very name of the country "Iceland" perhaps gives us a wrong impression about it. We picture it as a place of extreme cold and are surprised when we learn our conception of it is not altogether right. About all many of us know about it is that it has produced many beautiful stamps. If you would know something about the postal service behind the stamps, get a copy of the above booklet.

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Philatelic Literature

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Philatelic Manual, published in 1903 in Ottawa, Ont. It was compiled by Geo. C. Godard and A. E. W. Hannington, 43 pages, 4¼ x 5¾ inches.

It is well known that many of the early Philatelic publications of Canada are now very rare but many of our later philatelic magazines are very scarce also. One of the better ones of these is "Philatelia", a bilingual philatelic magazine published in Montreal 1936-37. Complete files of this magazine are very rare, the last number Vol. III, No. 6 is the sticker although all Vol. III Nos. are scarce. Then there is the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, published in Halifax in 1897. One of the editors of this magazine informs me that there were only 50 numbers of some issues printed. Just enough to go around the subscribers. Who can tell me anything about the Collector's Guide, first published at Parksville, Vancouver Island, B.C., in August, 1929. I have Vol. 14, No. 103, Fall 1942-43.

Just recently I have picked up a copy of Vol. I, No. 1 of the Niagara Correspondent. Official publication of the Niagara Correspondence and Exchange Club, 24 McGhie St., St. Catharines, Ontario, published in July-August, 1947. I wonder if there were any more numbers published?

Who can tell me anything about The Philatelic Era, a monthly published in Ottawa in 1903? Also the Mission Stamp News, published in Toronto? Date unknown.

I have been very anxious for years to pick up a copy of Canadian Air Mails published in 1925 by Colin A. Manlove of Vancouver, B.C., but to date this particular magazine has eluded me.

I have also before me, an item which I have not seen mentioned before. It is a copy of "External Affairs," monthly bulletin of the Dept. of External Affairs, Ottawa, Canada. Vol. II, No. 2, February, 1950, contains an illustrated article "Canadian Postage Stamps."

And before closing I would like to mention that Hobby Craft, published every second month by Stone & Cox Ltd., 229 Yonge St., Toronto, has a stamp column in every issue from the pen of Aubrey Kelson, the well-known columnist in Popular Stamps.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I recently read a letter from H. Cook concerning K.G. VI study club in your columns. It is amazing the number of collectors that are now saving stamps of the reign of Geo. VI. We have a club for B.N.A. (B.N.A.P.S.), so why not one for B.W.I. or Br. America or The Comm. for Geo. VI issues.

There are hundreds of perforations existing, some of them being very scarce, that Scott refuse to separate and lump at the top of the issue all together. When a new perf is issued in Canada or U.S. we treat it automatically as a new stamp and Scott assign a new number to it. Then why not the same procedure for the British Empire.

The stamps of Geo. VI have been studied more intensely than any other such group of stamps, with the result that there is a mass of information thereon. Numerous shades that are readily separated, appear in Gibbons and special studies have been carried out on many of the stamps.

Let us have all these collectors come out of hibernation, organize, and thus spread the joys of collecting Geo. VI stamps. My main reason for taking over the Huron Circuit was to stimulate Geo. VI collecting and I have made provision for the use of Gibbons' Cat. in the exchange. Yours truly, Wm. T. Jackson.

LETTER ANSWERED — AFTER SIXTY-TWO YEARS

The mailman had a surprise for Vancouver pioneer George E. Black of 1229 East Eighth.

It was a reply to a letter he wrote to his cousin, George McKague, in Woodville, Ont., 62 years ago!

McKague wrote that he found the letter while rummaging in an old trunk . . . He obtained the address of Mrs. Jim Wood, the daughter with whom Mr. Black has been living since his wife died three months ago, and wrote of doings and personalities in Woodville.

Mr. McKague was surprised to learn that his old school chum was hale and hearty in Vancouver, and now Mr. Black plans a trip to Woodville to renew old acquaintance.

T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club held their annual meeting and election of officers in their club room at the Royal York Hotel on Thursday evening, March 20th.

The following were elected as officers and directors for the 1952-53 season. President, Mr. Clifford R. Shorney; Secretary, Mr. Chas. F. Foster; Assistant Sec., Mr. G. Ross Workman; Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Guy Winter; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Howard R. Douglas.

Directors (5) Honorary (over and above five) Mr. Walter S. Bayley; A. Earl Edwards; A. H. Hinrichs; Dr. C. M. Jephcott; John H. Mitchell; R. H. Speirs.

At their meeting on Thursday evening, March 20th, the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club made Walter S. Bayley a Life Member. Walter has given much time and thought to the welfare of the club during many years past and has rightly earned this honor. He is now the fifth member to whom a Life Membership has been bestowed. The others are Fred Jarrett, Chas. F. Foster, C. A. Leeson and Lealie A. Davenport.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hazelcliffe, Sask., March 23, 1952

Dear Sir:

I bought a couple of 15c airletter forms at a post office near here, and was surprised to find that one of them had absolutely no printing on it except the red printed 15c stamp. I had not previously been aware of this oddity and wondered if any other readers have this item or an idea of its possible value.—A. M. Provick.

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C. TORREA (Editor)

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146	5c McGee	.10
190	10c Cartier	.20
246	1c R.V. Princesses	.05
	Block of 4	.20
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	Block of 4	.35
256	8c Cattle Scene	.11
260	20c Corvette to launch	.27
261	50c Munitions plant	.65
262	$1 Destroyer	1.35
268	8c Farm Scene	.11
271	20c Combine	.26
272	50c Lumbering	.65
273	$1 Car Ferry	1.25
C1	5c Airmail OC	.30
E9	Sp. Del. 10 on 20c OC	.35

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	2c R.V. LR 2-1	.40
248	3c R.V. LL 1-2	.60
253	4c Elevator UR 1	4.00
256	8c Cattle UR 1	.85

No order filled for less than $1.00. All checks must bear 15c extra for bank charges.

A. L. McCready

Box 10 Cobden, Ont.

U. S. NOTES

By Marion Dick Peyton

The Lafayette Stamp will have its first day sale at Georgetown, South Carolina, on the 13 June. This stamp commemorating the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Marquis de Lafayette in this country, the Postmaster General announced on March 10th.

Georgetown is the port where Lafayette landed June 13th, 1777 when he came to America to offer his services to the colonists in their struggle for independence.

The Postmaster General did not give any information about the denomination and design of the stamp. This will come later.

The Grand Coulee Dam. the world's largest concrete structure, will be pictured on a 3c stamp to be placed on first day sale the 15th May at Grand Coulee, Washington.

The 80c air mail for parcel post had its first day at Honolulu, Hawaii on March 26th.

Other new-issues announced are the Newspaper Boys of America, International Red Cross, Mount Rushmore, Civil Engineers and 200th Anniversary of the printing of the Holy Bible from moveable type by Johann Gutenberg. First day sales of the above commemoratives will be announced later.

The United Nations Postal Administration plans issue this year of single commemoratives to mark United Nations Day (Oct. 24) and Human Rights Day (Dec. 10) according to announcements from the U.N. Press and Publication Bureau.

The United Nations Day stamp will be of the 5c denomination and the design will depict the San Francisco Opera House where the conference on International Organization which drew up the U.N. charter was held in 1945. This stamp will be printed in blue.

No announcement was made in regard to a Memorial stamp for Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden who was killed September 17, 1948, while acting as mediator for the U.N. in Palestine. Reports have been persistent that such a stamp would be issued by the U.N.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization Stamp was placed on first day sale at Washington on April 4. This is a 3c stamp printed in small format.

There are still 11 stamps of the 1949 issues on sale at the Philatelic Agency. The 10c, 15c and 25c U.P.U. are included on the list of 11.

A list of 71 post offices in 24 states and Territory of Hawaii have qualified to use the slogan cancellation, "U.S. Treasury Department Bond Flag City," the P.O.D. made public the 18th February. This cancellation will eventually be used in at least 150 U.S. Post Offices.

Collectors desiring these cancellations or a list of the above 71 Post Offices using it, may send their requests.

Sixty-one Post Offices used the "Flag Bond" slogan cancellation in 1951. There was 10,000 covers at the Weirton, W. Va. Post Office ready to receive the "Bond Flag" cancellation which was placed in use on January 1, 1952. These figures indicate the popularity of slogan cancellations in the U.S.

The Congress has abolished the 10 per cent service charge levied when postal cards are purchased in quantities of 50 of more.

FLAG AT HALF MAST

About 50 of the 3c United Nations 3c stamps are reported to have been put on sale at the UN post office, N.Y., before it was noticed that there was an error and were hastily recalled but not before about 20 were sold. The error shows the flag on the stamp at half mast. A riband band in red runs around outside of the stamp, with a flag pole in red at left running through the band into central portion of stamp. A blue flag flies from this flag pole. One color printed at a time, apparently in printing the second color the paper was about a quarter inch out of position and allowed the flag to appear half mast. Some are guessing this item will be in the same price category as the 1918 U.S. airmail stamp showing a stamp upside down. It is listed at $4,000.

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254	4c	.28	286	Revised 3c	.26
269	Peace 10c	.55	287	Revised 4c	.28
277	Govt. 4c	.26	315	Royal Visit 4c	.28

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249	1c	pl. 3	1.10	269	10c	pl. 2	2.25
254	4c	pl. 5	1.75	270	14c	pl. 1	3.00
		pl. 8	2.00	271	20c	pl. 1	4.00
		pl. 19	3.00			pl. 2	4.00
		pl. 20	3.50	272	50c	pl. 1	12.50
		pl. 31	1.10	277	4c	pl. 2	1.40
		pl. 32	1.10	282	4c	pl. 2	1.10
		pl. 37	1.25	291	3c	pl. 3	.28
		pl. 38	1.35	292	4c	pl. 4	.32
255	5c	pl. 2	1.60	C8	7c	pl. 1	2.25
256	8c	pl. 2	3.00			pl. 4	3.00
259	14c	pl. 1	4.50	CE1	16c	pl. 1	3.75
260	20c	pl. 1	6.00	CE2	17c	pl. 1	3.75
	20c	pl. 2	6.00	CE4	17c	pl. 1	3.75
261	50c	pl. 1	12.50	E10	10c	pl. 1	2.75
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269	10c	pl. 1	2.25				

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DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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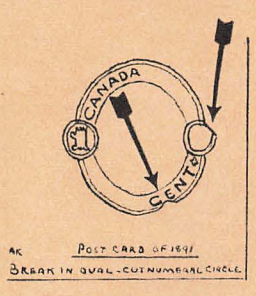
Sketch 319 — Canada #217, the one cent of 1935 with diagonal lines in numeral boxing, normally solid background. Sent us by J. Petrovitch.

Sketch 320 — Barbados #198 with scarce variety, "The Flying Mane". Constant for some time until corrected. This is stamp #1 in the 4th row. Sent us by Colin H. Bayley.



Sketch 321 — Canada Post Card of 1891 with broken oval and cut numeral circle. Sent us by J. W. Hodgson.

Articles for publication invited.

Rambling Gossip

Who has stock of the Kenya Uganda Royal Visit issue. I tried to get a block of four while in Toronto but found none available. New York is now selling these two stamps for 40 cents. I am told the wholesale price has been doubled. One dealer tells me he hears they were sold out in London in four days. This issue may easily be a modern rarity unless there are some hidden stocks somewhere. It will be interesting to hear how many of these stamps were issued.

I reached Toronto last Saturday in time to spend a couple of hours at the North Toronto Exhibition. It was a splendid show and great credit is due those responsible for staging it. This annual has always been one of Toronto's best and well managed exhibitions. There were dozens of delightful displays and some of the completes of the British Empire were entrancing. Unfortunately I had to leave to get my night train to Montreal and missed hearing who the prize winners were.

I could only do a smile at "Scotia's" experience, a similar situation happened to me but in my case it was by mail. Well who is "Sylvia"? Personally I much enjoy "Scotia's" contributions and never miss them. Ed Richardson too is always "up on the bit". I would miss him indeed if he lays down on the job with his monthly messages.

A friend of mine in Australia writes that several of the past issues since the fall of 1950 are getting very scarce over there and advises me to get all I can of them that he will gladly give me a good margin over the American catalog. Apparently all the boys "down under" are Gibbonites.

Well that is something in the news. I refer to a bi-colored Red Cross stamp for Canada in the early summer. Time enough that we gave more consideration to some bi-colored issues. The Crown Colonies certainly turn out some delightful stamps and in designs more beautiful than our own. This Red Cross stamp was featured in the London News a week ago.

King Faud of Egypt is certainly going "to it". No doubt you have

seen some of their latest issues overprinted "Kingdom of Egypt and Sudan" but as "S C" says this won't hurt anybody's feelings, nevertheless it seems like a premature move.

Until the new Queen Elizabeth stamps appear, the immediate coming releases of the Empire will be known as posthumus issues and for some months to come there will likely be a rush for them.

What's the Hush Hush about the proposed new 4c stamp promised us. Is it going to "fired"?

Well, cheerio. I will write you a line or so from the west next month.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In your February issue of your Popular Stamps, page 14, Mr. Park of Temiskaming wonders if anyone else has come across a missing period on the two cents O.H.M.S. (War issue) overprint.

I have also two of the mentioned missing dot and I think it is the rarest among the missing periods. I have no idea of its value because it is not mentioned in Sissons' catalog. Truly yours, Rev. Gerard Boulanger, O.M.I.

CANADA

New 20c Plate Block $1.10
Capex 4c Plate Block ..... .25
5c Plate Block ..... .40
7c Plate Block ..... .60
15c Plate Block ..... .90
4c Princess Plate Block ..... .25

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CANADA — PLATEBLOCKS

No.	Description	Per 1
268	8c Brown	.55
269	10c Lake	.55
270	14c Power Station	.85
271	20c Reaper	.95
272	50c Lumber	2.75
273	$1.00 Ferry	5.25
274	4c Bell	.45
275	4c Citizen	.45
276	4c Elizabeth	.50
277	4c Goverment	.35
282	4c Newfoundland	.35
283	4c Halifax	.30
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We and others have made mention before of the lack of philatelic mailing among philatelists. Letter after letter arrives here from the stamp fraternity mailed with the current 4c stamp, occasionally a 3c and 1c or two 2c stamps. Just to see what the percentage of philatelic mailing was practiced we recently went over 250 envelopes from our mail between September 15 and November 20 from Canadian correspondents. Here's what we found: 1 cover franked with 1929 Arch issue stamps, 2 covers with 1935 Silver Jubilee stamps, 1 cover with 1937 Coronation stamp, 4 covers with 1942 War issue, 4 with 1947 Bell stamp, 3 with 1947 Citizen stamp, 1 with 1948 Princess Elizabeth stamp, 4 with 1948 Resp. Govt. stamp, 4 with 1949 Nfld. Union stamp, 4 with 1949 Halifax Bicent., 4 with ordinary Newfoundland stamps now permissable in rest of Canada since 1949 Union, and 34 with the June 1951 Prime Minister stamps — 30 Mackenzie King and 4 Borden. That gives 66 out of 200 letters that were philatelically mailed. There were 34 mailed with 4c Capex issue and 14 with recent Royal Visit stamp, but these stamps being currently available at most post office wickets as this is written really places them on a par with the regular current small King's head stamp. Anyway, above is the score on 250 covers examined. Nearly forgot, there was one plate number block in the lot.

Perhaps fifty per cent of philatelic franking was done by dealers where issues were earlier than 1950—though they don't always mail philatelically either. Two per cent used postal stationery envelopes and about the same percentage used cheap, flimsy envelopes or color backed which runs in soaking off stamps.

Now, wouldn't philatelic mailing between members of the fraternity be a mark of distinction — setting apart of your letters from run-of-the-mill mail? And it's a pretty blaze collector who won't get a thrill upon receipt of a letter so franked.

What is philatelic mailing? Well, we think it comprises using commemoratives, pictorials or the issues of a few years back — something different than that which the general public is currently securing from post office wickets. We don't suggest that early stamps commanding a large premium be used, but there are many back issues still to be had at face or slightly over. And what col-

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67	.02	135	.02	191	.02	236	.03	C6	.04
68	.03	141	.01	192	.02	237	.01	C7	.15
69	.01	142	.01	193	.08	238	.02	C8	.03
70	.10	143	.08	195	.01	239	.02	C9	.03
74	.03	144	.03	196	.01	240	.01	CE1	.35
75	.01	145	.10	197	.01	241	.01	CE2	.30
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